Planning and Development

In Durham

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Planning Department Mission

Guide the orderly growth and enhancement of the Durham community while preserving its cultural heritage and natural resources.



Organization of the Planning Department

- Administration
- Policy and Development



Organization: Administration

- ☐ Fiscal management
- Work program and reports
- Zoning enforcement
- Zoning text amendments
- Research
- Public information



Organization: Policy and Development

- Long range plans
- Plan amendments
- Rezonings
- ☐ Site plans
- □ Variances
- Use permits



Support for Boards and Commissions

- ☐ City Council
- Board of County Commissioners
- Joint City-County Planning Committee
- 8 citizen boards
- 3 multi-jurisdictional boards



Major Planning Projects

- Durham Comprehensive Plan
- Unified Development Ordinance
- Review and refinement of development review processes



Development Review Processes

- Legislative: decision maker sets policy
- Administrative: decision maker confirms technical compliance with policies and ordinances
- Quasi-judicial: decision maker rules based on evidence and sworn testimony

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Plan Amendment Process

- Legislative action
- Pre-submittal conference
- Notification
- Staff report
- Planning Commission recommendation
- Governing body decision

Rezoning Process

- Legislative action
- Pre-submittal conference
- Application
- Coordinate review by City, County and State agencies



Rezoning Process, cont.

- Staff recommendation
- Planning Commission recommendation
- Governing body decision



Site Plan Approval Process

- Administrative action
- Submittal
- Coordinate review by City, County and State agencies
- Decision
 - Planning Director
 - DRB
 - Governing body



Use Permits/Variances

- Quasi-judicial action
- Review for technical compliance
- ☐ Staff report
- Hearing with sworn testimony
- Decision
 - Board of Adjustment
 - Governing body



Zoning Enforcement

- Complaint driven
- Responsibility to enforce ONLY the Durham Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances
- Cannot enforce Housing Code, Building Code, other City and County ordinances.

Zoning Enforcement Process

- Complaint received
- Confirm violation
- Notice of violation
- ☐ Time to correct
- Citations
- Quality of Life Court



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Questions? Comments?

